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ASSISTANCE TO SOFTWARE INDUSTRY OF KARNATAKA
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

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(a) the details of the steps considered or being considered by the Union Governmentto improve the software industry in the State of Karnataka; and

(b) the financial assistance provided by the Union Government to improve the software industry in the State during the last three years, years-wise?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SU THIRUNAVUKKARASAR)

(a): Software Technology Parks of India (STPI)Bangalore was set up in 1991 with an initial funding of Rs.527 lakhs from Government of India, Ministry of Communications and Information Technology, Department of Information Technology.

(b): In addition to Bangalore, STPI has set up fourmore STPICentres at Mysore, Manipal, Mangalore and Hubli.For setting up of these Centres, Government of India, Ministry of Communicationsand Information Technology, Department of Information Technology has provided one time grant-in-aid of Rs.200 lakhs (@ Rs.50 lakhs/per centre).